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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

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Title: METHODS FOR ISOLATING MOLECULAR MIMETICS OF UNIQUE  
*NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS* SEROGROUP B EPITOPE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Because this response is submitted within two-months of the date of mailing (namely, by July 12, 2005), expedited procedure after final is requested.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.